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A The present application is a continuation-in-part application claiming
priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from United States applications Serial Nos.
09/369,157 filed on August, 6, 2001 and 09/534,827 filed on February 23, 2000 and
also claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from United States provisional
application 60/257,738 filed on December 22, 2000.

DISCUSSION

The present Preliminary Amendment presents an Abstract to complete
the specification for the present application and add a paragraph to properly claim
priority from previous applications sharing at least one common inventor and
assigned to Carnegie Mellon University. It is respectfully submitted that the Abstract
presented herein is fully supported by the application as filed. Applicants
respectfully submit that the claims of the present application should be held
patentable. Accordingly, passage of the claims to allowance at an early date is
requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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